

CLAIMS

I claim:

1) A tie down strap, comprising:

a ratchet, having a first end and a second end;

a strap, having a first elongate portion with a first end and a second end and having a second elongate portion with a first end and a second end; the first and second elongate portions being joined to the ratchet;

at least one guide joined to the ratchet; the guide including a first elongate and a second elongate cooperatively defining a groove, the groove being of sufficient size such that the strap fits within the groove when the strap is wrapped about the ratchet; and

means for retaining the strap within the groove, the retaining means including a pair of lips mounted to the first and second elongate portions of the guide.